

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q76505

Hiroaki MOMOSE, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/616,225

Group Art Unit: 2625

Confirmation No.: 2249

Examiner: Neil R. MCLEAN

Filed: July 10, 2003

For: IMAGE REGULATION APPARATUS AND IMAGE REGULATION METHOD

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This responds to the Election of Species Requirement, dated November 16, 2007. The Examiner has identified the application as containing claims directed to more than one distinct species. The Examiner has required the Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted.

In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicant elects species II for examination, without traverse, on which claims 1, 4, 10, and 13 are readable.

Non-elected claims 2, 3, 5-9, 11, 12, and 14-17 are withdrawn.

Applicant submits that if any of the elected claims is found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

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Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 2, 3, 5-9, 11, 12, and 14-17.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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